Petitions—Reduction or remission of land tax.

571. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether they have received petitions praying for reduction or remission of land tax and extention of payment this year;

(2) if the answer is in the affirmative (a) the number of petitions received (b) the number granted and (c) the number rejected showing reasons in brief?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(1) Yes.

(2) (a) 43.
(b) 10.
(c) 23.

18 petitions were rejected as they did not come within the purview of the D. P., dated 15th October 1931, R/4/2673/07; published in the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 31st Kanni 1107, and 5 were dismissed as the prices of agricultural products were not lower than those prevailing at the time of Settlement.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—(2) (c). May I know what is the price of the agricultural products during the time of settlement?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I can give the price with regard to two important products, that is cocoanut and paddy. Cocoanut Re. 1—6—0 per hundred nuts and paddy it was 6 annas.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does the Government know that the price of paddy has gone down as low as 5 annas this year?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Has it not gone lower than 6 annas?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does the Government know whether there is any increase in the cost of cultivation at the time of settlement and the present day?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Not much.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is there any?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—There is not.

Cases—Munsiff's Courts, Ernakulam and Trichur.

572. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of pending cases (original, small cause and contested miscellaneous petitions) on the file of the Ernakulam

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